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Re: Utility Patent Application For:
Deceleration-Activated Safety Light
Serial No. 10/609,101

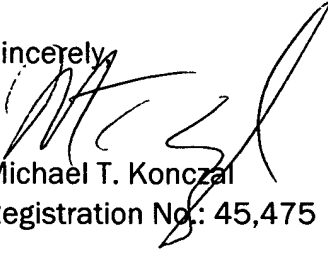
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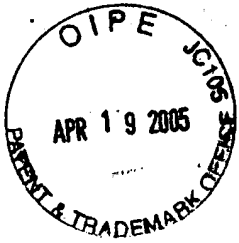
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- (1) Reply to Office Action;
- (2) Amended claims; and
- (3) Postcard.

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: Konczal, Michael T.

Docket No.: P-202

Serial No: 10/609,101

Art Unit: 2632

Filed: June 30, 2003

Examiner: Davetta W. Goins

For: Deceleration-Activated Safety Light

RESPONSE TO SECOND OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Examiner Goins:

This is a response to the Office Action dated January 26, 2005, due for reply by April 26, 2005. In view of the following proposed amendments and remarks, favorable reconsideration and allowance of the proposed amended claims pending in this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application. Claims 1-6 and 8-20 have been rejected. .
Claim 7 has been objected to.

Claim 7 has been objected to because of informalities and has been recognized as having allowable subject matter.

Claims 1-3, 5, 16, 17, and 19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as being anticipated by Tigwell (US Pat. 4,796,629).

Claims 4, 15 and 20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Tigwell (US Pat. 4,796,629).

Claims 8-14 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Tigwell (US Pat. 4,796,629) in view of DeBeaux (US Pat. 5,416,675).

Claims 6 and 18 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Tigwell (US Pat. 4,796,629) in view of Chien (US Pat. 5,570,946).

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections and requests reconsideration of the rejections and reconsideration of the application with respect to the remaining claims in light of the following proposed amendments and remarks. Claims 1, 7, 9, and 16 are amended, claims 10-12 are dependent on amended base claims, and claims 2-6, 8, 13-15, and 17-20 are withdrawn. A clean copy as well as a marked copy of the amended claims are included in accordance with the rules for making amendments. No new matter is added.

SECOND AMENDMENT

Please amend claim 1 as shown on the attached replacement pages. As discussed in the remarks, claim 1 is amended to include the limitations expressed in original claims 1 through 4 to more explicitly point out and claim the aspects of the invention that are not anticipated or obvious under the cited art.

Please delete claims 2 through 6 from the application.

Please amend claim 7 as shown on the attached replacement pages. As discussed in the remarks, claim 7 is amended to overcome the objection of the examiner and is consistent with the specification and drawings to make explicit that light transmitting means is positioned at the periphery of a forward portion of the helmet such that the light transmitting means is viewable by a wearer. Claim 7 as amended is dependent on the amended claim 1.

Please delete claim 8 from the application.

Please amend claim 9 as shown on the attached replacement pages. As discussed in the remarks, claim 9 is amended to include the limitations expressed in the original Claims 13 through 15 to explicitly point out and claim the aspects of the invention that are not anticipated or obvious under the cited art.

Claims 10 through 12 are unchanged from their original form except insofar as they are dependent upon the amended claim 9, the new limitations of claim 9 are incorporated therein.

Please delete claims 13 through 15 from the application.